

HOME, FARM AND GARDEN.

DISCARD wooden floors in your hen-houses, as they absorb and retain a great deal of moisture from the droppings.

PICKLED CABBAGE.—Select solid heads, slice very fine, put in a jar, then cover with boiling water; when cold drain off the water and season with grated horseradish, salt, equal parts of red and black pepper, cinnamon and whole cloves.

PRESERVED MELON.—Peel the melon, and cut in small strips; have the same weight of sugar as melon; put a little alum in the water and boil the melon till tender; take it on a dish, sprinkle it with sugar, and let it stand till the next morning, then pour off the sirup, let it boil till clear, then put in the melon and let it seald; then put it on a platter to cool; add to the sirup the juice of lemon and a little preserved ginger; boil the sirup again and pour it hot on the melon. When cold, seal up the jars.

CHICKEN SANDWICHES.—Ingredients: chicken and ham, four eggs, one tablespoonful of olive oil, mustard, vinegar. Chop the chicken (not too fine) also a little nice ham; then beat together the yolks of the eggs (boiled very hard) with the oil; when smooth add a little made mustard and vinegar; should it not be salt enough from the ham, add a little; stir this mixture well and add the meat. Have ready some thin slices of bread buttered, and put some of the mixture between two slices; very nice.

CAN YOUR PUMPKINS.—A correspondent of the New York World says: I put mine in the cellar late in the fall and by the time they showed signs of decay I have some empty fruit cans. I cut up one or two pumpkins at a time as I have leisure. I cook them thoroughly and strain the same as for immediate use. Then I return the mass to the kettle, let it get hot and can it the same as I would any fruits, taking care that it is packed down so there are no air bubbles. One can will make five or six delicious pies at a season when they taste better than they do in the fall.

HORSES should be watered in the morning before they are fed. A full drink of water immediately after being fed is a sure way of producing indigestion, if not inflammation. When water is drunk by horses the bulk of it goes directly to the large intestines, and little of it is retained in the stomach. Some old and worthless horses, by way of experiment, were fed with split peas and supplied with water immediately before being killed. It was found that the water had carried the peas into the intestines, where no digestion took place at all.

How many times I have heard this said: "I could get along nicely with my work if my feet did not feel so uncomfortable and even painful." Without any doubt the woman who makes this remark goes about the house in thin loose slippers. I used to do it myself. I thought I had to because others did, but a few experiments convinced me that the only way to do work comfortably is to wear thick-soled shoes. One very soon becomes accustomed to them, and will find great relief. There is always more or less running out doors to be done, and there is great danger of taking cold if the feet are not well protected.—"E. W. B." in New York Post.

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